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**Utah's Job Growth Ranks No. 1 in the Nation**

SALT LAKE CITY (April 21, 2017) — Following the March 2017 employment report for the state of Utah, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data shows Utah ranked No. 1 for total job growth in the U.S. at 3.2 percent and No. 1 for private sector job growth at 3.5 percent. For unemployment, Utah tied for eighth at 3.1 percent.

"Utah continues to move in the right direction," said Gov. Gary R. Herbert. "These rankings affirm that what we are doing in Utah is leading to positive outcomes. Our work, however, is far from through. I am committed to the *Utah Business Promise*, which will help ensure our qualified and skilled workforce continues to lead to opportunities for economic success individually and within our communities."

"Those who will soon graduate from postsecondary education programs will find excellent economic conditions to start their careers in the state of Utah," said Carrie Mayne, chief economist for the Utah Department of Workforce Services. "Now is the time for prospective graduates to plan their job search and take advantage of the multiple employment opportunities in the state."

BLS data shows Utah rankings as follows:

**TOTAL JOB GROWTH**

- (1) Utah – 3.2 percent**
- (2) Georgia – 3.1 percent
- (3) Florida – 3.0 percent

**PRIVATE SECTOR JOB GROWTH**

- (1) Utah – 3.5 percent**
- (2) Florida – 3.3 percent
- (3) Georgia – 3.2 percent

\*Source: <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/laus.toc.htm>

For more information about the latest jobs report, visit the Department of Workforce Services [blog](#).

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